# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF GARLIC
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is importing garlic inspite of its good yield in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the gap between production and consumption of garlic in the country; and

(d) the step being taken by the Government for increasing the yield of garlic?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): Government has imported 2821 MT garlic fresh during 2005-06 (April, 2005 to February, 2006) to meet the essential requirements of exports, consumption, growth and development.

(c): The garlic production during the year 2005-06 was around 5.62 lakhs MT, which was around 9 − 10% less compared to previous year`s production of around 6.19 lakhs MT. The less production was mainly due to drought/less rains in MP which is one of the major garlic producing states. The gap between production and consumption estimated to be around 15,000 MT as per the assumptions that 35% consume garlic @ 3.0 gram per person per day and considering 15% storage losses and around 0.90 lakhs MT for seed and dehydration purpose.

(d): For enhancing horticulture production including garlic, two Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely National Horticulture Mission and Horticulture Technology Mission for North Eastern and Himalayan States, are being implemented in the country wherein quality seed of garlic are provided to the farmers alongwith technical guidance to the garlic growers through extension programmes, which help in enhancement of garlic productivity.